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SUBJECT: GOP DETAINS EXILED PARAGUAYAN LABOR LEADER

1. JULIAN MELGAREJO YNSFRAN A LEADER OF THE PARAGUAYAN CONFEDERATION OF LABOR (CPT) IN EXILE WAS DETAINED BY PARAGUAYAN AUTHORITIES FRIDAY, MAY 5 ACCORDING TO A REPORT GIVEN TO THE EMBASSY BY HIS WIFE. MELGAREJO, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, DORA JIMENEZ DE MELGAREJO, AND HIS DAUGHTER WERE TRAVELING BY TRAIN FROM BUENOS AIRES TO ASUNCION, ACCORDING TO HIS WIFE, HE WAS DETAINED BY THE AUTHORITIES

AT 8 PM FRIDAY NIGHT WHEN THEY WERE BEING CHECKED BY THE PARAGUAYAN FRONTIER AUTHORIES AND THEY HAVE HEARD NOTHING OFFICIALLY ABOUT HIM SINCE. HIS WIFE TOLD THE EMBASSY THAT HER MOTHER HAD ARRANGED WITH MINISTER OF INTERIOR MONTANARO ABOUT A MONTH AGO THAT HER SON COULD RETURN TO PARAGUAY BECAUSE HE IS SERIOUSLY ILL.

- 2. MELGAREJO HAS BEEN IN EXILE FOR 20 YEARS AND HAS RECENTLY BEEN LIVING IN BUENOS AIRES. HE REPORTEDLY WORKED IN THE AIFLD OFFICE IN CHILE FOR SEVEN YEARS FROM 1965 TO 1971. WE ARE TOLD HE IS WELL KNOWN BY JULIO ETCHEVERRY ESPINOLA, AIFLD EMPLOYEE IN URUGUAY.
- 3. EMBASSY IS TAKING UP MATTER WITH GOP AUTHORITIES AND WILL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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